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SUBJECT: RADIO/TV COVERAGE OF KOREA AUG 27

1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF US RADIO-TV COVERAGE OF KOREA
AUG 26-27.

2. REASONER (ABC-TV EVE NEWS 8/26) SAID KOREAN TENSION
EASED FURTHER THURS. NOTED US TROOPS STILL ON ALERT,
B-52S FLYING PRACTISE BOMBING MISSIONS OVER SK. SAID
NK CHARGED FLIGHTS INTENDED AS NUCLEAR THREATS, LABELLED
THEM GRAVE/PROVOCATIVE MIL ACTIONS. NOTED HAK SAID THURS
MAC WOULD MEET NEXT DAY; US PREPARED ACCEPT NK PROPOSAL,
IF PLEDGES NO MORE VIOLENT INCIDENTS.

3. SERAFIN (LAURA WALTERS AM NEWS, WTOP RADIO, 8/27)
NOTED HAK TOLD SFRC THURS DOES NOT BELIEVE CRISIS OVER
IN KOREA, THO TENSIONS EASED PAST FOUR DAYS. TOLD SENA-
TORS WAITING SEE WHAT HAPPENS IN NEXT MAC MEETING BEFORE
WOULD SAY CRISIS PASSED.

4. FROM SEOUL, DUNNING (ALSO ON WALTERS AM NEWS, WTOP)
REPORTED US HAS PROPOSED MAC MEETING BE HELD LATE FRI
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(KOREAN TIME) TO DISCUSS NK PROPOSAL SEPARATE UN/NK SE-

CURITY FORCES IN JSA. PORTRAYED BOTH SIDES TRYING WORK

OUT WAYS PREVENT REPETITION OF VIOLENCE. NOTED US DECLARED KILLERS MUST BE PUNISHED, BUT DID NOT ASK IN LAST MAC MEETING IF HAS BEEN DONE. SAID NK HAS NOT ADMITTED GUILT, NOR CONFIRMED PUNISHMENT; STUCK TO STATMENT INCIDENT "REGRETFUL." SK DENOUNCED NK EXPRESSION AS INSUFFICIENT, NOW FRETTERING US WILL NOT PUSH HARDER ON PUNISHMENT/REPARATIONS. KISSINGER

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